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1. SWISS PARTICIPANT (LEVY) IN SEPT 5 MEETINGS WITH ECG CHAIRMAN DAVIGNON AND USDEL TO ECG WORKING GROUP CONFIRMED TO EMBOFF SEPT 6 GREAT USEFULNESS TO GOS OF THESE SESSIONS.

2. LEVY SAID THAT SWISS SEE NO TECHNICAL OR POLITICAL PROBLEM IN ACCEPTING IEP, ALTHOUGH FURTHER EXAMINATION

OF TECHNICAL DETAILS AND FURTHER INFO RE WHAT COUNTRIES WILL PARTICIPATE WILL BE NECESSARY BEFORE FINAL DECISION TAKEN. ON LATER POINT, LEVY CONFIRMED PARA 4 REFTEL TO EFFECT THAT PARTICIPATION OF FRANCE WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL FOR BOTH POLITICAL AND TECHNICAL REASONS. (LEVY NOTED THAT HALF SWISS IMPORTS OF BOTH CRUDE AND FINISHED PRODUCTS COME FROM OR THROUGH FRANCE.) IF FRANCE DOES NOT PARTICIPATE, SWISS WOULD HAVE TO TAKE EVEN CLOSER LOOK AT WHO WILL BE INVOLVED.

3. LEVY ALSO MENTIONED POINT NOTED PARA 5 REFTEL THAT FOR REASONS OF PRESENTATION AND FORM SWISS HOPE THEY AND THOSE OTHERS SERIOUSLY INTERESTED IN IEP MIGHT BE INVITED ATTEND AS OBSERVERS (WITH RIGHT TO SPEAK) AN ECG MEETING AFTER THAT SCHEDULED FOR SEPT 19-20. SUCH PRESENCE WOULD ALLOW GOS MAINTAIN THAT IT HAD AT LEAST NOMINAL OPPORTUNITY MAKE VIEWS KNOWN RE FORMULATION IEP RATHER THAN BEING PRESENTED WITH COMPLETE FAIT ACCOMPLI. ON OTHER HAND, LEVY ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT SWISS ARE CONVINCED THAT IEP URGENTLY NEEDED AND SHOULD BE PUT IN PLACE SOONEST. THUS, THEY HAVE NO DESIRE REOPEN NEGOTIATIONS OR DELAY PUTTING IEP INTO OPERATION.
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